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1. PAN AM REP DRAHORAD TOLD EMBOFF ON APRIL 7 THAT V. SAMORUKHOV, MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION, HAD CALLED HIM IN DURING LATE AFTERNOON APRIL 6 TO INFORM HIM THAT THE MINISTRY WAS NOW HAVING TO REASSESS ITS POSITION ON PAN AM CHARTERS. THE MINISTRY WILL APPROVE CHARTERS THROUGH APRIL 15, BUT THE DECISION ON THE BALANCE OF CHARTERS IN APRIL-MAY WILL BE GIVEN ON APRIL 11.
2. SAMORUKHOV THEN MADE TWO REQUESTS. FIRST, THAT DRAHORAD DETERMINE FROM PAN AM NEW YORK WHETHER PRESENT TICKETING RESTRICTIONS ON AEROFLOT IN THE US WILL BE LIFTED IN VIEW OF AEROFLOT'S "UNILATERAL" ACTION HERE LIFTING CERTAIN TICKETING RESTRICTIONS, REFTEL C. SPECIFICALLY, HE ASKED ABOUT THE REQUIREMENT FOR REVALIDATION OF AEROFLOT TICKETS SOLD OUTSIDE THE US ON SERVICE FROM THE US, WHICH SAMORUKHOV AGAIN ALLEGED WENT BEYOND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE SCOPE OF THE NOVEMBER CAB ORDER, REFTEL D. SECOND, HE REQUESTED TO LEARN BY APRIL 11 THE PAN AM POSITION ON PERMITTING AEROFLOT TO FLY EXTRA SECTIONS THIS SUMMER. SAMORUKHOV WANTS A PAN AM COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT SUCH AEROFLOT REQUESTS WITH THE USG.

3. DRAHORAD COMMENTED TO EMBOFF THAT THE PRESENTATION

SOUNDED LIKE AN ULTIMATUM: EITHER DO WHAT WE ASK OR YOUR
CHARTERS ARE AT RISK.

4. COMMENT: THIS APPARENT RENEGING ON THE EARLIER ORAL
COMMITMENT TO APPROVE PAN AM CHARTERS THROUGH JUNE,
REFTEL C, IS THE LATEST EFFORT TO INCREASE PRESSURE ON
PAN AM AND INDIRECTLY ON THE USG. WE BELIEVE THE
SOVIETS ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCE IF THEY
CUT-OFF THE PAN AM CHARTERS, BUT THEY MAY SEE LITTLE TO
LOSE IN POSING ADDITIONAL DEMANDS FOR APPROVAL OF
PAN AM CHARTERS.
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